

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On July 14, the Examiner and Applicant's representative conducted a telephonic interview to discuss the content of the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief.

Applicant's representative argued that the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter was compliant because it did include references to the specification and drawings. However, the Examiner argued other limitations were not so referenced. Applicant argued that the Examiner's Answer was the proper forum for describing these alleged deficiencies in the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter section because the Examiner's Answer has a section that allows the Examiner to agree or disagree with the Summary provided by Applicant. Thus, if the Examiner thought the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter was insufficient, he could explain those alleged insufficiencies there. The Examiner did not agree.

In addition, the Examiner did suggest that the Applicant could file a compliant brief by copying the independent claim and adding the references to the specification and drawings after each limitation in the claim into the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter.